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Omani minister denies needing foreign troops

By Farouk Laqman

JEDDAH, Sept. 12—Oman's minister of information says categorically that there are no foreign troops stationed in his country and that his government has not requested

"We do not need foreign troops," Abdurrahman Al Rowass said in an interview with *Arab News* here.

The country is secure, in spite of the presence of foreign troops in neighboring South Yemen, and the defeat of the rebellion in Oman's Dhofar province has allowed the army to turn its attention to its own internal development.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, when the Dhofar rebellion was at its height, a large contingent of Iranian troops fought alongside Oman's own army against the rebels, but those troops were withdrawn soon after the February revolution which toppled the Shah.

The threat from the Dhofar guerrillas, partly supported by South Yemen, was punctuated with a series of military victories over the insurgents, and since then the peace has undergone far-reaching changes, Al Rowass said.

Roads, hospitals, schools and gardens have been built since the end of the threat, he said, and the Dhofar area has been "remarkably quiet."

As a result of the Omani victory over the guerrillas, he said, Oman has now turned its attention to the broader questions of internal development and of the regional security of states of the Gulf.

Gulf states must depend on their own

Saudi, Austrian ministers meet

VIENNA, Sept. 12 (R)—Defense and Information Minister Prince Sultan arrived in Vienna Wednesday for a four-day visit which will include a review of neutral Austria's military products.

Prince Sultan, who began talks with Austrian Defense Minister Otto Roessl shortly after his arrival, will attend a show of industrial weapons, a government spokesman said.

The Saudi delegation arrived from Geneva, where King Khaled is on a private visit.

Asked whether selling military equipment to Saudi Arabia would breach laws forbidding such exports to areas of tension, the Austrian government spokesman said: "Not at all."

"Saudi Arabia is not waging war with anybody," he said.

Armenians, rightists fight battle

BEIRUT, Sept. 12 (Agencies)—Armenian and rightist militia representatives met in Beirut Wednesday in an attempt to end three days of fighting in which up to 33 persons have died.

Delegates of the Armenian Tashnak party on the one hand, and Falangist and National Liberal parties on the other, met at the Armenian Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in the north-eastern suburb of Antelias.

The right-wing Falangist radio which reported 20 killed, said all sides had appealed to their men to stop fighting in Bourj Hammoud.

Earlier, the Armenians reported that the bodies of 15 of their persons kidnapped by the militias had been found.

According to one afternoon newspaper, 26 Armenians and seven Falangists have been killed in the past two days, and a number of people on both sides wounded or reported missing.

The militias are reported to have demanded the handing over of arms of those held captive.

Trouble spots have been sealed off by militiamen and main roads leading to them cut.

However, sporadic shooting and explosions were heard in the area Wednesday.

"We have so far found seven bodies," he said. "More of our kidnapped people could have been killed but we don't know of them yet."

Security sources and Armenian officials, however, said the clash was still under way between the Armenians and Falangist militiamen in the Armenian residential area of Bourj Hammoud.

The Armenians accused the Falangists of the "organized provocation when they invaded our area Monday evening with three jeep-loads of militiamen and .50-caliber machine guns."

Bomb hits restaurant

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12 (R)—Explosives damaged a restaurant in Jerusalem's open air market Wednesday, but police reports said there were no casualties.

Police cleared the restaurant and cordoned off the area in case of further explosions.

COLOGNE, Sept. 12 (R)—A hijacker holding a West German airliner at Cologne Airport released all the captive passengers Wednesday night, an airport spokesman said. The hijacker was still aboard the Lufthansa Boeing 727 with the crew of eight.

About 120 passengers were allowed to leave the aircraft which was commanded Wednesday during a flight to Cologne from Frankfurt and Paris.

The spokesman said the hijacker was a young German dressed in black who walked

ers reported that the landowners would start legal action to block the Israeli move.

Meanwhile the Associated Press reported from Tel Aviv that U.S. Middle East envoy Robert Strauss held a half-hour meeting Tuesday with the mayor of Bethlehem, who spoke for nearly all West Bank Palestinians in saying he considered the proposed autonomy plan is dead one for the Palestinians.

Mayor Elias Freij, expressing the general trend of West Bank thinking, again advocated full Palestinian independence, but he also said a Palestinian state could be federated with Jordan.

Strauss, appearing to reject that idea, said the autonomy talks would be "our primary concern" for the next several months.

Strauss and Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg, head of the autonomy team, agreed that the talks had "progressed" but both said the tougher issues "remained" to be tackled.

They did not name these key issues, but they include the political future of Jerusalem's 100,000 Palestinians, Israeli settlements and whether the Palestinian council will have legislative powers or only administrative ones.

"I am aware that in a marathon race the second half is always harder than the first half," Burg told reporters after meeting Strauss.

As Strauss met the Israelis, Egyptian, Israeli and American working groups continued negotiations at a seaside hotel in Herzliya, 10 miles north of Tel Aviv. It is these groups Strauss wants to break up into smaller committees to work on more specific problems. He hoped the committees could make recommendations to the plenary—the political level—by the end of the year.



PRESIDENTS LEAVE: Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi (left) and President Siad Barre of Somalia (center) left Taif Wednesday for their respective countries. Crown Prince Fahd, who held talks with the two presidents saw them off at the airport.

Strauss meets mayor

Israel expropriates more Palestinian land

Arab News
London Bureau

LONDON, Sept. 12—Israel has in the last few days intensified its illegal and inhuman drive to expropriate Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank.

Agricultural areas totalling 25,665 dunums have been taken over and levelled by the occupying power. From Jenin in the north to the southern-most point in the West Bank, fertile fruit and olive growing lands are taken over to make room for more Israeli settlements. Trees are uprooted and existing buildings are razed to the ground.

The areas expropriated are: 1,300 dunums in the area between Jenin and Nablus, where two settlements are to be built. One of these, it was learnt here, is to be called "Dothan." The Palestinian villages suffering from this most are Beit Qat and Araba.

16,000 dunums of privately-owned agricultural land in the Tulkarm area.

In the Ramallah area 800 dunums of agricultural land have been confiscated to enlarge the Ofra Israeli settlement.

In the Jerusalem area 6765 dunums belonging to the villagers of Anata, five miles to the north east of Jerusalem, were taken over to complete the ring of settlements around Arab Jerusalem.

In the Bethlehem area 400 dunums belonging to the Hosan villagers were confiscated, as well as 800 dunums in the Khalil area, belonging to the villagers of Edna.

The land was to be used as a training area. Israeli military sources said that farmers would need permission to enter the zone but still could work their fields. Arabic newspaper



OMANI MINISTER: Information Minister Dr. Abdo Yamani bids his Omani counterpart Abdurrahman Al Rowass farewell after a short visit to the Kingdom.

Israel asks U.S. to double aid

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (R)—Israel has asked the United States for \$3.45 billion in aid next year, almost double the present figure.

The Israeli request, formally presented by Ambassador Ephraim Evron Tuesday, consists of \$1.85 billion in military aid and \$1.6 billion in economic aid.

Israel this year received \$1.8 billion in aid, two thirds of the \$2.5 billion it requested.

Evron said Secretary of State Cyrus Vance promised to give the request a sympathetic examination. He said Israel needed additional economic aid to pay for oil following

the handover of the Alma oilfields to Egypt and world price increases.

The figure for military aid was based on U.S. recommendations for Israel's minimal hardware needs in the coming year, he added.

Israeli sources said they "doubt" the Carter administration would grant the full request, which covers the year beginning September, 1980. It was submitted because it reflected what Israel regarded as its real needs, they added.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman will discuss Israel's arms purchases with Defense Secretary Harold Brown and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance Tuesday and Friday.

Passengers of hijacked plane freed

into the cockpit shortly after takeoff from Frankfurt suffering sickness.

He told a stewardess no one would be hurt if his wishes were obeyed.

A West German radio report said the man made a number of political demands, which took him over half an hour to read. He has also demanded to talk to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and present his demands on television.

Officials earlier said there were two hijackers.

Israel condemned

Saudi-Kenya body created

TAIF, Sept. 12 (Agencies)—Kenya Wednesday joined Saudi Arabia in condemning Israeli aggression and calling for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied since 1967.

The declaration, issued as Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi left here for Nairobi, is significant because Kenya has in the past maintained close unofficial ties with Israel.

The communiqué, marking the end of four days of talks between Crown Prince Fahd and Moi, condemned "savage Israeli aggression against Southern Lebanon" and appealed for international action to halt Israeli attacks.

Moi arrived here Sunday as the first Kenyan head of state ever to visit the Kingdom, and his visit resulted in the first establishment of a joint economic commission between the Kingdom and an African state.

The commission, whose formation was announced prior to the issuance of Wednesday's main communiqué, will deal with economic and trade relationships between the two states.

Kenya imports large quantities of Arab oil, and in turn is a major exporter of meat, dairy products, and other produce to the Kingdom and other Arab states.

Moi expressed his appreciation and admiration for the "constructive efforts that are being made by Saudi Arabia in the pursuit of peace and economic stability."

During his visit here, which paralleled one by Somali President Siad Barre, it had been expected that the two would try and resolve differences over territorial claims Somalia has made on Kenya.

In the joint Saudi-Kenyan communiqué published as Moi flew home, the two officials

Arafat in Madrid today

Jackson plans PLO talks

CHICAGO, Sept. 12 (Agencies)—The Reverend Jesse Jackson has said that he plans to meet soon with Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat "to contribute as a private citizen and intermediary" to help resolve the Middle East conflict.

In a statement, Jackson, national president of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), said we would set a time and place for the meeting as soon as he receives a written invitation from the Palestine Liberation Organization for the proposed conference.

Reached by telephone in Denver, the black civil rights leader would not divulge on the proposed meeting, saying "our offices are in contact, trying to work out the details."

On Monday, Congressman Paul Findley of Illinois revealed that he was contacted by Mahmoud Labadi, an Arafat deputy, who suggested such a meeting. Labadi told Findley that Arafat was interested in meeting with Jackson at an unspecified time and location, but indicated the meeting probably would take place in the next month outside the United States.

In his statement, Jackson said PUSH, a Chicago-based civil rights organization, "is concerned about both the security of Israel and the human rights of the Palestinians."

At that time, Jackson vigorously defended Young and urged American blacks to reassess their role in foreign policy.

Meanwhile Arafat was due to arrive in Madrid Thursday on his first visit to a Western European country at the invitation of a government, official sources said Wednesday.

Arafat is expected to discuss the Middle East with Premier Adolfo Suarez and will also see Foreign Minister Mario Oreja. He is due to leave on Saturday.

EEC urges protection of Lebanon's integrity

DUBLIN, Sept. 12 (Agencies)—Foreign ministers of the European Common Market countries have urged all concerned in southern Lebanon to refrain from action likely to infringe the country's integrity and its government's authority.

A statement issued by the Nine at the end of a one-day meeting in Dublin called upon all parties to assist fully the operation of the United Nations Force in Southern Lebanon (UNIFIL) which includes Dutch and Irish troops.

The statement did not specifically mention Israel or any Lebanese or Palestinian faction by name.

It said, "concerned to avoid an escalation of violence which risks bringing in a new conflict in the Middle East, the Nine make a solemn and urgent appeal without exception to all countries and parties concerned that they refrain from all acts likely to infringe the integrity of Lebanon and the authority of its government."

The decision by the ministers at their "political co-operation" conference in Dublin Castle came on the eve of the arrival Wednesday of an Israeli governmental delegation for talks with Irish foreign affairs officials.

Each of the Common Market nations is under consistent pressure from oil-producing countries to back the Palestinians in their fight against Israel.

"The owners will be brought to court, and if the court finds they are entitled to the money from the sale of the meat, it will be given to them," Jaffee said.

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*In Sarajevo***Kingdom gives \$ 2.5 m to mosque repair**

MECCA, Sept. 12 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has given \$ 2.5 million to restore Khusru Pek Mosque in Sarajevo, in Yugoslavia.

It also gave SR1 million for restoration and repair work at Kowloon mosque in Hong Kong.

An official from the Mecca-based Muslim World League said Wednesday that the government also gave SR170,000 to build a mosque and a school in Brazil.

It also gave SR100,000 for the renovation of Al-Faqih Abdul Rahman Ba Bakr Said mosque in Sudan, and SR50,000 for the construction of a mosque at Irbid, in

Jordan.

In other Saudi championship of Islam, Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abd Yaman will fly to London Saturday to attend the preparatory seminar on Jerusalem, opening in London Monday. He will also attend meetings of the six-member committee set up by the Arab Information Ministers Conference held in Baghdad last January.

The committee is made up of Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Tunisia and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

And at home, the fencing of the Eid Prayer area in Al-Khabar has been awarded to Saudi firm. It will cost SR768,500. Repairing the Grand Mosque in Dharan has been contracted to a Saudi firm for SR789,125.

The director of Endowments in the Eastern Province, Yusuf Ibrahim Al-Said, said Tuesday that ten mosques and the fencing of the Eid prayer area in Hasa had

been completed and handed over to the department.

The Endowments Department in the Northern Region has been temporarily taken over by the department in the Eastern Province, until an endowments bureau is opened in Hafr Al-Batin.

Charity

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Islamic Welfare Society in Mecca announced Wednesday that it has received further donations of SR273,500.

It has received SR400 and SR3,000 anonymously, SR10,000 from Abdullah Sheikh Al-Safi, SR5,000 from Bajahzer Trading Est., SR5,000 from the National Museum in Riyadh, SR10,000 from Bajined for Trade and Contracts, SR50,000 from Sheikh Ali Hafiz, SR20,000 from Ibrahim Abu Zaidan Est., SR100,000 from Abdul Aziz and Muhammad Al-Abdullah Al-Jamaih, and SR4,000 anonymously.

It has also received monthly subscriptions of SR2,000 from Sulaiman Al-Ribaishi, SR2,000 from Al-Taawun Est., SR500 from Abdul Hadi Muhammad Mukhlis Al-Zaid, SR1,500 from General Muhammad Al-Taib Al-Tunisi, SR50,000 from Abdul Majed Zahid, SR10,000 from Sandi Arabian Bechtel Ltd. and SR100 anonymously.

The society has so far received SR206,300,450. It thanked the donors for their assistance and backing.

Naif punishes crooked traders

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif has punished five merchants for violating supply regulations. After a report from Minister of Commerce, four traders from Riyadh and one from Jeddah were fined a total of SR 17,000. They were also ordered to publish their punishment in a local newspaper at their own expense.

Their offenses were not marking goods with fixed prices and charging inflated prices.

Kingdom's war on drugs explained to conference

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — A Saudi narcotics official addressed delegates at recent international symposium on the methods used in Saudi Arabia for combating drug addiction. They have resulted in the lowest incidence of addiction in the world.

His department, he said, controlled all points of entry into the country and made sure that smuggling drugs was both very difficult and very risky for the smugglers. Saudi farmers are prohibited from cultivating any narcotics.

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GOODBYE : Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mubarak of the Islamic Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shakes hands with Sir John Wilton, the British ambassador, at a farewell dinner for Sir John at the Kandara Hotel Tuesday night. Between them is Mohammad Said Basrawi, the head of the Islamic Affairs Department. Sir John leaves on Sept. 16.

From Birmingham**Group rides in on U.K. trade wave**

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — A 16-man mission arranged by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce will visit Saudi Arabia from September 14 to 27. The British Embassy here announced Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia and Britain last year exchanged £1,657 million of goods and there also is massive invisible trade between the two nations. In recent years Britain has been Saudi Arabia's sixth largest customer and its fourth largest supplier.

Last year Britain imported merchandise worth £871 million from Saudi Arabia, including crude oil costing £750 million. Britain supplied Saudi Arabia with goods worth £786 million. The large Saudi surplus will diminish as British oil production builds up to self sufficiency, although Britain will remain a substantial importer of heavy Middle East crudes to balance the lighter crudes from the North Sea.

Of British exports, more than half the tonnage is accounted for by capital goods. In addition, Britain

is a large exporter of industrial materials and consumer goods, and a major defense supplier.

Last year British sales of machinery and transport equipment to Saudi Arabia were valued at £420 million. Major machinery exports include earthmoving and mineral processing machines, aircraft and stationary engines, pumps, lifting and loading machinery and forklift trucks.

The development of agriculture and food processing in Saudi Arabia is assisted by substantial imports of British tractors and processing equipment.

In the electrical field Britain supplied machinery and equipment worth £302 million last year. Major items included generating sets, switchgear, cable, telecommunications apparatus and measuring and control instruments.

Saudi Arabia is a substantial importer of British vehicles, aircraft and other transport equipment. Supplies last year cost more than £118 million, and the total this year is likely to be higher.

Recent contracts have covered the supply of specialist airport crash and firefighting vehicles, waste disposal trucks and Land-Rover vehicles equipped as mobile X-ray screening units.

Other major Saudi purchases include industrial materials and components for use in industry, construction and agriculture.

Pilgrims' water action taken

TAIF, Sept. 12 (SPA) — Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Ibn Abdul Muhsen, on the instructions of King Khaled, is intensifying contacts with water officials in Pilgrimage areas to ensure sufficient supply of drinking water this year.

Buses to roll in Taif

TAIF, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company will start its first bus service in the Western Region on Saturday. It will link Taif with Al-Hawaya airport, flying in flight schedules. Each ticket will cost SR4. The company will be operating in Mecca within a couple of weeks.

Pakistani labor minister coming

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — Lt. Gen. F.A. Chisti, Pakistani minister of labor and manpower, arrives here Thursday on a day visit. He will be accompanied by Brig. M. M. Afzal Khan, managing director of Pakistan's Overseas Employment Corporation and director general of the Bureau of Emigration.

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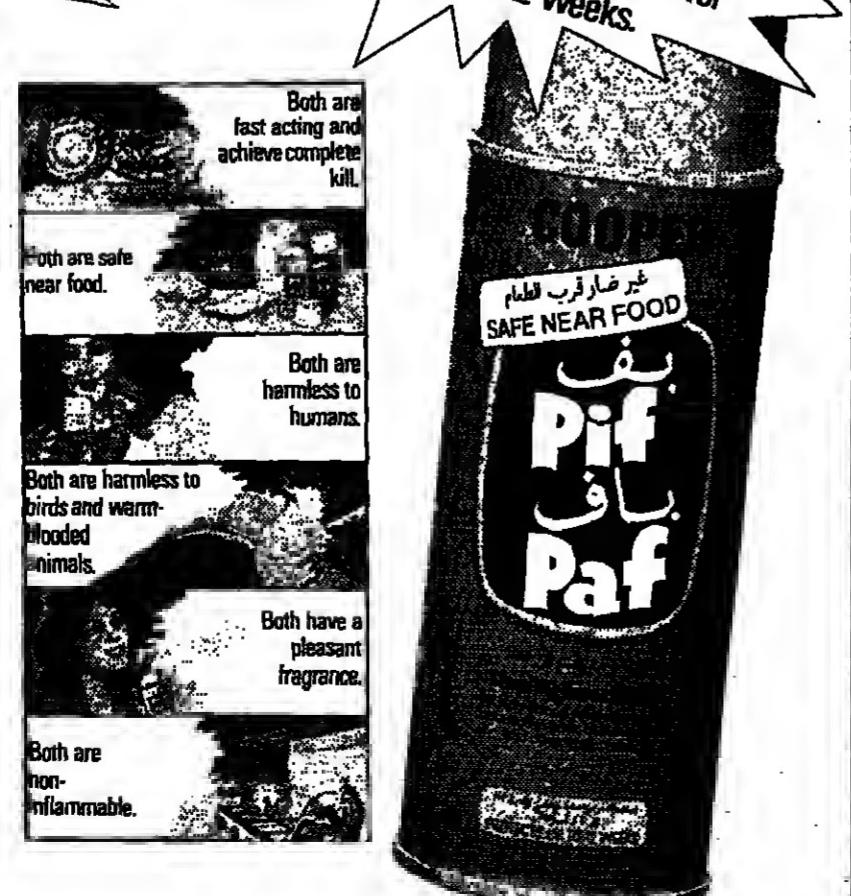
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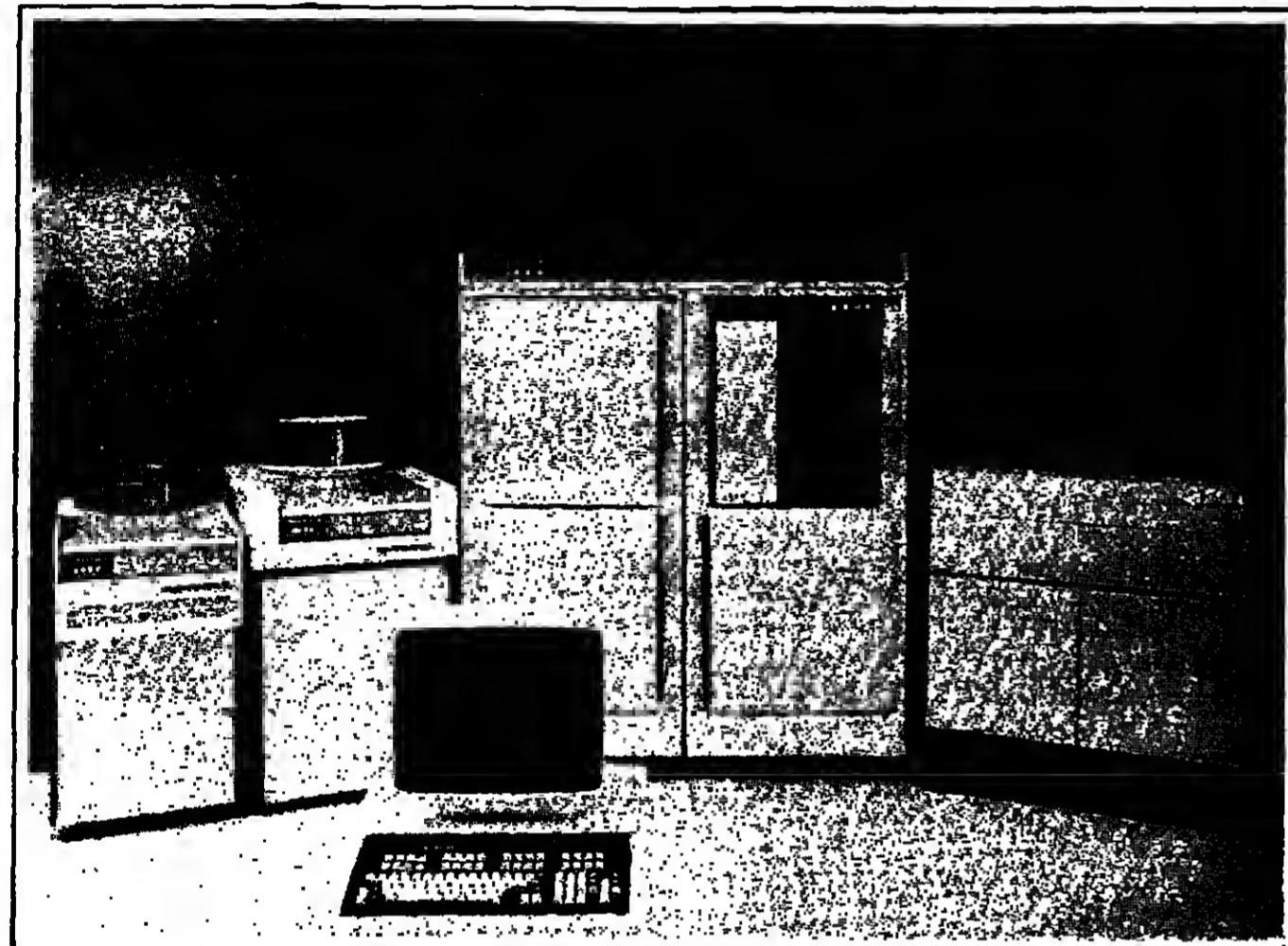
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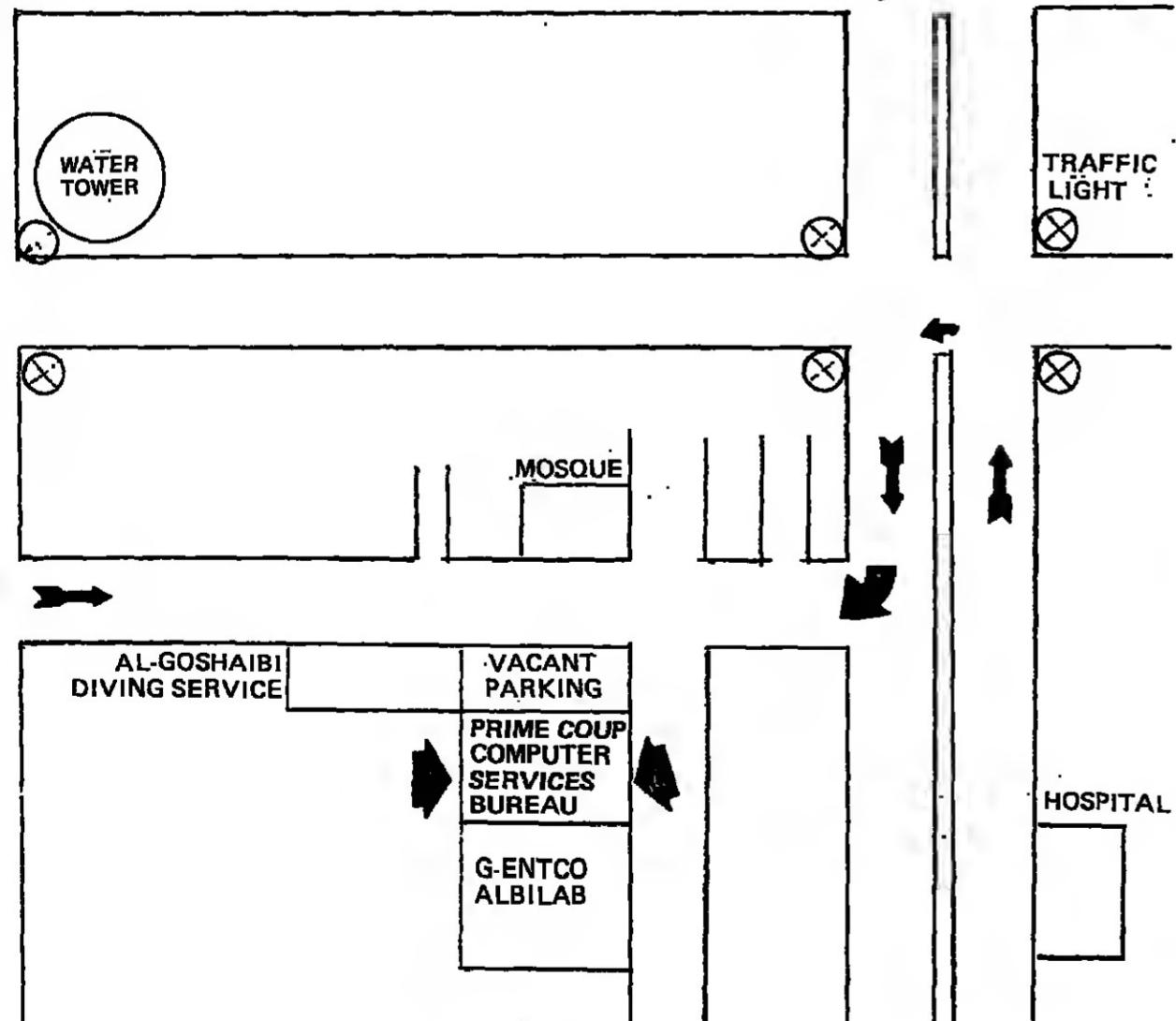
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Eanes dissolves parliament Lisbon to hold vote Dec. 2

LISBON, Sept. 12 (R) — General elections will be held in Portugal Dec. 2 under a decree signed Tuesday by President Antonio Ramalho Eanes.

The decree also dissolved the current parliament.

The elections, the second since the April 1974 coup ended nearly half a century of right-wing dictatorship, have been called a year early in an effort to solve a continuing political crisis.

The Portuguese electorate will have to go to the polls again in 1980 under the present terms of the constitution.

The presidential decision was communicated to Prime Minister Maria de Lourdes Pintasigo, the speaker of parliament and the 19-man military Council of the Revolution, Portugal's constitu-

tional watchdog.

The presidency said Eanes would address the nation on radio and television Wednesday night.

The election will usher in Portugal's 12th government since young officers seized power in the almost bloodless "flower revolution" five years ago.

The 1976 elections were indecisive with the Socialists emerging as the strongest party but without a majority in the 263-seat parliament.

Socialist leader Mario Soares refused to enter into any alliances and managed to govern until December 1977 when a motion of confidence in his economic policies was rejected, forcing him to resign.

The opposition parties failed to agree to a suitable alternative to

the Socialists and in early 1978 Eanes again asked Soares to try to form a government.

The Socialists secured a majority by bringing conservatives into the government but the uneasy alliance collapsed and Eanes dismissed the Socialist premier.

Eanes chose a non-party technocrat, Alfredo Nobre da Costa as premier to succeed Soares but his government fell after 17 days when parliament rejected its program.

Eanes' next choice was former Social Democrat law professor Carlos Mota Minto.

But he also resigned after the economy got worse. And last month Portugal's first woman prime minister, Miss Pintasigo, was sworn in by the president to govern the country until the elec-



President Ramalho Eanes

tions.

The outgoing parliament contained 104 Socialists, 42 Center-Right Social Democrats (PSD), 40 conservative Center Democrats (CD), 40 Communists, 31 PSD dissidents calling themselves the Independent Social Democratic Action Group.

Venda born against big odds

South Africa creates 3rd black 'homeland'



The capital has the only paved roads in Venda.

South Africa will carry \$37 million of the Venda national budget.

The landlocked nation will raise another \$7 million through its limited fruit, tea and forestry industries, while the exploitation of coal resources is expected to boost the economy in the future.

Though highly fertile, Venda must continue to import at least 50 percent of its food since maize, a staple of the diet, isn't grown here. About 67 percent of the economically active men are expected to continue working in South Africa.

The 500,000 Venda citizens, including 150,000 living outside the country, also will be tied to the white minority government in Pretoria through defense matters.

The South African defense force retained narrow strip of land along the Limpopo River to prevent the infiltration of guerril-

las from neighboring Zimbabwe Rhodesia, and will continue to use the Madimo air base here after independence.

Critics argue that Venda's dependent status won't change and that Mphephu is merely a tool for Pretoria.

Informed Vendans said that up until a month ago, white South Africans seated behind the ministers in the national assembly slipped them written responses to questions from the floor.

"One of the challenges (for an independent Venda) will probably be long uphill struggle to gain international recognition, without which Venda will not have access to international development organizations, whose expertise and other assistance may be of benefit to Venda in its bid to attain a relatively progressive rate of economic development," the government says.

Repudiates violence

Mrs. Peron hits at junta on human rights



BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 12 (AP) — Imprisoned former President Isabel Peron, in her first public statement since being toppled by the armed forces three years ago, firmly repudiated violence Tuesday and denounced the military's ban on political activity as a violation of human rights.

Mrs. Peron handed a four-page statement to members of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission who interviewed her at the Peron family estate where she is under house arrest for alleged corruption in office.

The 48-year-old widow of former President Juan Peron, who has been allowed few visitors since her ouster and arrest in March 1976, was "in good condition and very good spirits" during the 1 hour 25 minute interview, Andres Aguilar, the commission president, said.

Her written statement, issued by Peronist Party leaders, was part of a rare dialogue among Argentine political figures prompted by the commission's two-week probe of human rights in Argentina.

Former military president's Roberto Levingston and Alejand-

ro Lanusse have also spoken publicly about human rights after meeting with the commission.

Political activity has been suspended since the armed forces seized power and moved to end left-wing terrorism, political corruption and rampant inflation.

The terrorists have been beaten, but thousands of persons are missing or imprisoned without charge.

In her statement, Mrs. Peron did not defend the record of her 21 months in office during which the current state of siege was declared and the controversial anti-guerrilla measures begun. But she said, in effect, that the violence must end.

"I repudiate violence and crime and I would never justify the subjugation of the rights of man, regardless of ideology ... It is not

legitimate to respond to crime with crime," she said.

Mrs. Peron said human rights "can become a reality only when the people can participate freely in social and political affairs to decide their destiny."

"The Argentine people are today impeded from exercising their right to decide their form of political organization. This is what worries me."

"My arrest," added the titular head of Argentina's biggest political movement, "is a consequence of what I represent."

In his statement, Levingston, who was president in 1970 and 1971, defended the military's repressive measures against terrorism and complained that Argentina "continues to be systematically assaulted" verbally by "exiled subversives."

"I hope the commission will understand the difference between the Marxist aggression that Argentina suffered and the oppression to which governments of a totalitarian nature submit their political opposition," Levingston said after his interview Tuesday.

Lanusse, who overthrew Levingston to make way for the 1973 elections won by the Peronists, called last Saturday for a "collective attitude of strength and understanding" to reconcile the military and its supporters with the families of suspects unjustly imprisoned or killed in the guerrilla war.

In an unusually bold statement, issued Tuesday night, Peronist leader Deolindo Bittel said "we cannot accept that the struggle against a terrorist minority, in which we also have been victims, has become an excuse to introduce the terrorism of the state."

Protesters' problem to be discussed

Peking public debate to reassess Mao

PEKING, Sept. 12 (AP) — A new poster appeared Wednesday on "Democracy Wall" announcing a mass meeting Thursday in Tien An Men Square to discuss the sensitive question of assessing the importance of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

About 35 ragged protesters, meanwhile, returned to China's

government headquarters and renewed their sit-in at the gates that bears the words "serve the people".

The protesters, demanding jobs and justice, had been evicted last Saturday, ending a 12-day sit-in. The government announced it would help solve their problems.

The large pink wall poster also said the discussion would cover the problems of the protesters. Funds would be raised to help them.

The most significant and potentially volatile topic, however, was the public reappraisal of the "great helmsman."

Mao was depicted as infallible and his every word acquired great importance, but China's moderate leadership is very carefully re-evaluating Mao, dismantling his myth and reminding the people that he made mistakes.

Last November several thousand gathered in Tien An Men Square to criticize the "Gang of Four" and Mao, too, came under attack.

The poster said, "There will be an academic discussion on what is the direction for China how to implement the zone modernizations."

It said the discussion would have five parts: "How to evaluate the contribution of Mao; how to apply the standard of truth; What kind of socialist country is the People's Republic of China; discussion of the poor people's sit-in and questions concerning the third anniversary of the death of Chairman Mao."

Xinhua said Fang expressed sympathy for those who had been persecuted under China's former radical leaders, although it gave no details of what happened to them.

the "Gang of Four."

The People's Daily, which reflects the thinking of pragmatic Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping, also wrote articles on the "standard of truth." It urged people to "seek truth from facts" and present experience and not to rely on the past.

The poster said, "There apparently is some interference in political movements."

In an unusually bold statement, issued Tuesday night, Peronist leader Deolindo Bittel said "we cannot accept that the struggle against a terrorist minority, in which we also have been victims, has become an excuse to introduce the terrorism of the state."

Ugandans seen promising to free impounded convoy

KAMPALA, Sept. 12 (R) — Uganda has agreed in principle to release a convoy carrying United Nations food aid to southern Sudan which has been impounded since July, diplomats said.

A United Nations Development Program (UNDP) official last week said there would be no shipment of emergency supplies to Uganda until the trucks were allowed to continue their journey from Kenya to Sudan.

The diplomat said Kampala had agreed to release the 16 trucks, and provide them with a police escort to the Sudanese border.

The UNDP official said the convoy was carrying \$4 million worth of edible, dried fish, cheese and skim milk for Ugandan refugees in southern Sudan.

No official reason has been given by the Ugandan government for the seizure of the trucks, which belong to a Kenyan company, but diplomats said the convoy had been stopped apparently because of deteriorating relations between Uganda and Sudan.

The trucks were Tuesday still

parked at a Tanzanian army camp near President Godfrey Binaisa's residence at Entebbe.

The diplomats said a representative of the Kenyan company was expected to obtain a letter from Uganda's acting president and Defense Minister Yoweri Museveni, ordering the release of the trucks which had been chartered by the world food program.

Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi has urged Uganda to release the convoy, as saying they were on a mercy mission.

Cholera strikes Hong Kong port

HONG KONG, Sept. 12 (AP) — Hong Kong was declared a cholera-infected port Tuesday, six days after it was declared free from the disease the government has announced.

The announcement Tuesday followed reports that two middle-aged men were carrying the germs. A government spokesman said both patients were in satisfactory condition in a hospital.

Condolences pour in

Angola preaches vigilance as it mourns Neto's death

LISBON, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — Angola's communist officials called on their countrymen to "maintain discipline and militant vigilance" late Tuesday as the search began for a successor to President Agostinho Neto.

Anop, Portugal's national news agency, "reported here Wednesday Neto's Ruling MPLA Party issued a nationwide announcement from the capital Luanda exhorting the national workforce to "maintain discipline and militant vigilance to truly honor the memory of President Agostinho Neto with dignity."

Neto, aged 56, died in a Moscow hospital Monday following surgery for a cancerous pancreas. The President, a poet and physician, well known for his powers of soft-spoken persuasion, had led the oil-rich African nation unrivaled at the end of a three way civil war in 1976, a year after the country received independence from Portugal.

Sources in Portugal, which places high priority on improving relations with the South African, indicated two contenders for the vacant presidency could be Defense Minister Iko Carreira and MPLA Secretary-General Lucio Lara.

Both men were considered intimates of Neto's and principal members of his liberal faction within the party. Carreira is believed to have the full support of the army, which is backed up by Cabo units and German advisors, while the MPLA party structure is thought to favor Lara.

Neto was reported to have brought his government more closely under MPLA reigns in the past few months. The agency earlier reported Planning Minister Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, left to lead the government in Neto's absence, had been picked as interim president following the official announcement Tuesday of the leader's death.

Senior African diplomats said many of the late President's colleagues who went to Moscow before the announcement of his

death at the age of 56, were preparing to return to Luanda with the body.

In a message of condolence, President Leonid Brezhnev and the Soviet leadership paid tribute to President Neto, a close ally of the Kremlin, as an outstanding statesman and one of the prominent leaders of the international revolutionary movement.

"The people will always remember Agostinho Neto ... as a tireless and consistent fighter for a happy future for all mankind," the message said.

The message was also signed by Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin who is on an official visit to Ethiopia.

Diplomats expected Kosygin to travel on the Luanda for the funeral.

Neto, who became President in 1975 after leading a long guerrilla war against his country's Portuguese rulers, arrived in Moscow last Thursday on what was officially described as a friendly visit.

Announcing his death, the Soviet news agency Tass said President Neto had been suffering from acute liver disease and underwent surgery by top Soviet doctors which revealed an inoperable cancer of the pancreas.

Neto, whose government enjoyed the support of Cuban troops in its war with opposition guerrillas, first came to Moscow in October 1976. During that visit he signed a friendship treaty which symbolized Angola's strong links with the Soviet Union.

Among the many tributes, was one from Portugal, once the colonial ruler of Angola.

President Antonio Ramalho Eanes of Portugal said the world had lost an exceptional statesman.

General Eanes said he had lost someone with whom he had personal links and whose contribution to inter-African relations had reached an exceptional level.

In the United Nations, U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry paid tribute to Neto of Angola as a true nationalist.

McHenry added: "In my dealings with President Neto and his

Addis reportedly assured of more Russian support

and international affairs."

Kosygin arrived Monday for the anniversary of the revolution in 1974.

The radio quoted the *Ethiopian Herald*, the government's English-language daily, in a report on a speech by Kosygin Monday night.

The newspaper said the Soviet media have reported after discussions between Kosygin and strongman Mengistu Haile Mariam.

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Kosygin reportedly described the eastern African country as in the first rank of opponents to imperialism and colonialism.



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SIDE TRIP: Jordan's King Hussein stands with Cuban soldiers looking at a bust of Lenin at a military academy recently. The king, who attended the sixth nonaligned summit conference held in Havana, took a side trip to tour Cuban military schools. (AP photo)

The gap between foes is too big

El Salvador's ticking time bomb

SAN SALVADOR, Sept. 12 (AP) —

Tensions between the government and an increasingly bolder leftist element are tight in this tiny Central American republic. The gap between right and left, rich and poor, has widened so much that many feel violence is inevitable.

What has driven El Salvador to the brink of such violence?

Here are answers to some of the more common questions:

Q: What is the unrest in El Salvador all about?

A: During 47-years under a string of military governments, a small group of the 4.5 million people here has gained control of most of the money and land. The military governments have bolstered the fortunes of this tiny elite and have often been ruthless in crushing dissent.

This, plus widespread charges of fraud during the past two presidential elections, has driven activists workers, students and peasants to the extreme left and caused them to look to drastic measures to change the system.

Q: Who are the leftists and what do they want?

A: Most are workers, students and peasants joined in a myriad of organizations, some of which are vaguely linked together.

All the groups want to replace the current military-backed government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero with a Marxist one, but finer points of ideology and method remain in dispute. When the big push comes, "our common struggle will draw us together," a spokesman for one of the groups said.

Q: Are their members communists?

A: Some are. Groups which do not openly embrace the Communist Party preach a Marxist-Leninist line.

Q: Is the government doing anything to ease the tension?

A: Yes, but it claims that no matter what it does, the leftists want power, not peace, and will continue their fight to topple the regime.

Last month, Romero announced that free and unhampered congressional and mayoral elections would be held next March and that the government would tolerate a civilian president if one were elected when his term expires in 1982. Opposition politicians, both radical and moderate, have expressed doubts about this, with many saying they have no faith in Romero's intent to carry out the promises.

The government has taken a softer approach toward dissent in recent months and has ignored demonstrations and occupations of churches that it might have fired on earlier. Most major churches are occupied by leftists and 10 industrial plants are held by striking workers. Management officials are being held hostage in five of them. But the government has made no move to intervene.

A five-year program of "well-being for all" is underway to build more schools and public housing units and to redistribute land. As of now, an estimated 60 percent of the arable land is held by 2 percent of the people.

Radio stations are running a steady string of government announcements, accompanied by soft guitar music and an assuring voice, listing the progress made toward these goals.

Only time will tell if enough can be done soon enough to defuse the situation in El Salvador. And time, say the leftists, is about up.

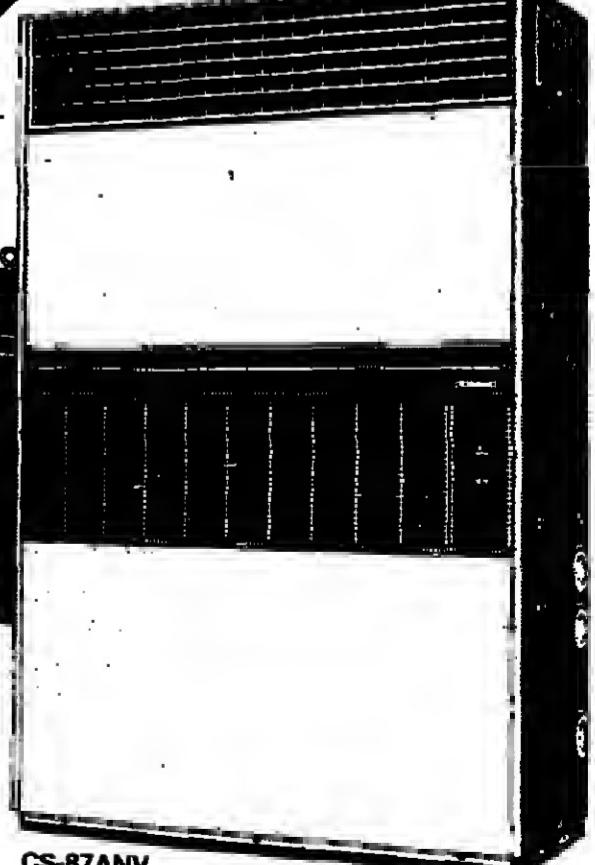
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Frederic threatens Southwestern region of the United States

MIAMI, Sept. 12 (AP) — Hurricane Frederic, described as "extremely dangerous," roared toward the Gulf Coast Wednesday with winds of 130 mph and at least 170,000 persons were ordered evacuated in three states.

Forecasters warned it could become the most vicious hurricane to hit the area since Camille struck a decade ago.

Civil defense officials said about 100,000 people were being evacuated along the Mississippi Gulf coast where Camille left 250 dead and millions of dollars in damage in 1969.

In neighboring Alabama, another 70,000 were ordered to leave and urged to go to about 40 emergency shelters set up at schools and National Guard armories in Mobile and Baldwin County.

The National Guard was called out in the Florida Panhandle and schools were closed in three states.

One man was killed and another was reported missing as 2,500 offshore oilfield workers were leaving rigs in the path of the storm.

At 1200 GMT, Frederic was about 2,8 kilometers south of Pensacola, Florida, near latitude 27.6 North, Longitude 87.3 West. The storm was moving northwest at 20 mph and was expected to remain on that course most of the day.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Frederic was "one of the most intense hurricanes to threaten the Central Gulf Coast during this century."

The storm, picking up strength, was approaching No. 4 on the National Hurricane center's 1-5 rating scale. Camille, one of the two strongest U.S. storms this century, was a No. 5, a "catastrophic" hurricane. It took 256 lives.

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A SHEEP STORY

For centuries, villagers all over the world have raised herds of sheep for their livelihood. There's nothing special about raising sheep and little that is controversial. They supply meat, wool and milk, all important ingredients of daily life.

Except, it seems, in Israel. There, officials say, sheep are "a source of grave threat to cultivated areas."

Israeli officials admit that a flock of 306 sheep and 25 goats belonging to Palestinian villagers near Hebron have been confiscated and taken to the slaughter-house.

The only crime, it seems, is that the sheep and goats were found grazing one day on "Israeli land".

In other countries, the problem of sheep straying into farmers' fields to graze is not new. But elsewhere, it usually has a different solution. There, strong fences have been found to be an effective deterrent.

But in Israel, as it is in so many matters, things are different.

The villagers were warned several times, Israeli authorities say, to make certain their sheep and goats stayed away from fields under cultivation.

But the sheep and goats, no doubt attracted by the greenery in the fields, and undeterred by any fences or other barricades, took it upon themselves to follow the call of nature and graze where the grass was lushest.

This was natural. The Israeli response was not.

Preservation of nature is a noble cause. So is a farmer's right to raise his crops without having them eaten by sheep, birds, locusts, or whatever. But there are ways to protect crops short of killing sheep.

Israel's founding philosophy has always emphasized the Zionization of the land it occupies, even to the extent of driving out its former occupants.

Those who have remained, in spite of it all, have had their lands seized, been hanned from travel, have been forced off the land — in short, have been given every inducement possible to leave the country.

The Israeli authorities have generously told the villagers that after they are taken to court on a charge of illegally grazing their sheep, and sentence is passed, they may be paid for the value of the slaughtered mutton.

But a flock of sheep is more than meat on the hoof. It is wool for clothes, dairy products for daily meals, and occasionally a lamb or ewe for a feast. Above all, it is a living thing, reproducing itself to provide future generations of villagers with a livelihood as well.

By killing the flock — no matter what is paid as compensation — the Israelis have deprived a village of its life, and in doing so they have given the villagers a powerful incentive to join the millions of Palestinian refugees.

Somewhere in the telling of this tale there lies a message. Is it one of Israeli concern for the sanctity of a farmer's field, or did the authorities have something else in mind when they killed the sheep?

Heat on Dayan for talks with Palestinians

By Arie Haskel

TEL AVIV —

Prominent supporters of Prime Minister Menahem Begin's coalition government are asking how much longer he will tolerate Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, who again incurred their wrath when he travelled to Gaza last week for a meeting with a leading PLO supporter.

Dayan did not consult Begin and, according to the man he met — Gaza physician and one-time speaker of the Palestinian Parliament there, Dr. Haider Abdul Shafi — their "wide-ranging and largely theoretical" discussion included such matters as whether the borders between a Palestinian State and Israel should be open.

(Shafi has twice been exiled from Gaza, on Moshe Dayan's orders, for supporting the PLO.)

Some of Dayan's critics have been saying that they see little difference between his behavior and that of Andrew Young. One of the Foreign Minister's Cabinet colleagues, who asked not to be named, described his behavior as "weird, egotistical and dangerous."

The chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Professor Moshe Arens, said that Dayan had once again "shot from the hip and in the wrong direction." He could see no justification for such a meeting, since the views of the PLO and its supporters were well known.

The Foreign Minister himself described the meeting as "very useful," saying he had learned new things about the thinking of Palestinians in the administered Areas. He insisted he would continue holding such conversations.

Briefing Foreign Ministry department heads the next day, Dayan told them that he was convinced that autonomy could not work without the cooperation of the Palestinians, who would have to be persuaded to drop their rejection of the Israeli-Egyptian peace process.

According to Shafi, Dayan told him that Egypt wished to launch autonomy as a pilot project in the Gaza Strip, after which it could also be applied in the West Bank. Dayan wanted to know which Gazans Shafi thought might be prepared to take part in autonomy talks.

The physician says he told Dayan he knows of no such people, since the entire Gaza Strip has made clear its absolute rejection of the Camp David accords.

At the weekend it became clear that the Gaza meeting was only one of a series and that, among prominent figures sounded out recently, are a former Speaker of the Jordanian Parliament, Hikmet al Masri, and the former Mayor of Nablus, Haj Maazouz al Masri.

Dayan's apparent motive in these meetings is to find West Bank and Gaza notables who could be persuaded to give autonomy a try, leaving it to them to decide whether this should be done with the blessing of the PLO or in the face of PLO opposition.

The Foreign Minister also made plain in his briefing of senior officials that if this effort failed because of the PLO, it would become easier for Israel to explain its position to the United States and the rest of the world.

Dayan also incurred the wrath of some of his colleagues when he said that any future Jewish settlements in the West Bank should be strictly confined to State lands and be part of a detailed program which must be published, "so that the whole thing would be open and above board." (OFNS)

According to Narain, Mrs. Gandhi withdrew



Indira on the comeback trail

By Sumanta Datta-Ray

CALCUTTA —

The lists for India's seventh general election opened with the resounding rallying cry of "Indira bula, dash bachao!" — "Bring back Indira to save the country!"

The December poll, the world's biggest democratic exercise, is expected to cost \$200 million. About 360 million men and women will cast their votes. They will elect 544 MPs, as well as regional governments for Goa, Pondicherry, Manipur, Sikkim and possibly Gujarat and Assam.

The real interest of the triangular contest lies in whether Indira Gandhi, 62, will regain the supremacy she enjoyed as Indian Prime Minister for 11 years.

Pitted against her are 77-year-old Charan Singh, head of the caretaker coalition government, and the Harjan (untouchable) leader, Jagjivan Ram, 71, who presides over the Janata Party. A fourth group, the Official Congress Party, which is the junior partner in Charan Singh's coalition, is not expected to survive the nationwide stampede to join Mrs. Gandhi.

Haunted by fears of her comeback, the Prime Minister's hatchet man, Raj Narain, has launched into a campaign of vilification against Mrs. Gandhi. He had earlier claimed that someone in India had received a pay-off of more than \$130 million from British Aerospace, the company from which Moraji Desai's Janata government last October ordered about 150-penetration Jaguar aircraft at a cost of about \$2 billion. Narain now says that British Aerospace calls all the shots in Indian politics.

According to Narain, Mrs. Gandhi withdrew

support from the Charan Singh government because British Aerospace had threatened to ruin her financial holdings in Britain if she continued to prop up a government that had promised to investigate the Jaguar deal.

The Jaguar blackmail theory could boomerang, since Mrs. Gandhi was not Prime Minister when the decision was taken. Jagjivan Ram was the only connecting link — he was Defense Minister under both Mrs. Gandhi and Desai — but the shrewd Harjan let another cat out of the bag by announcing that the purchase had been approved by Charan Singh when he held the finance portfolio.

The controversy is welcome to Mrs. Gandhi because it enables her to project herself as the victim of relentless persecution by a vengeful government that ignores such colossal national problems as 15 per cent inflation, a raging famine in Madhya Pradesh, intensified victimisation of Harijans and murderous Hindu-Muslim riots in the Bihar steel city of Jamshedpur, where 20 people were butchered recently.

Mrs. Gandhi has made a miraculous recovery from her political misfortunes. According to a recent opinion poll, she is the country's most popular politician and the first choice as premier of 48 per cent of the people.

Maharashtra congressmen, who had earlier dismissed her, last week resolved that "Mrs. Gandhi alone can stem the rot that has set in, following the Janata government's failure, and put the country back on the rails." Their motion was ratified on Monday at a lavish Bombay reception, where Mrs. Gandhi graciously accepted the homage of her subjects.

Maharashtra's decision is bound to have a spillover effect. Her parliamentary strength overnight shot up from 71 to 84 before the December polls were announced. In Karnataka (formerly Mysore), her followers claim to be in a majority. They are also pleading with her to choose a constituency in the state, an honor that is hotly disputed by Andhra Pradesh state and by Indore city, once capital of the conquering Mahratta princes.

Poor Jagjivan Ram is forced to scotch rumors that he, too, will clamber aboard the winning bandwagon. "Those who treat me as an outcast in their public utterances approach me secretly for support," is Mrs. Gandhi's amused comment.

In the popular mind, she is now identified with law and order, the leader who will restore stability. Even her emergency rule has acquired new virtues in retrospect, its rigors quite forgotten. Her Congress is expected to bring down prices, cleanse politics of opportunism, weed out venal civil servants, protect Harijans and defend Muslims.

Mrs. Gandhi plays on these hopes by constantly deriding her opponents. "Theatre of the absurd" is her label for the two Janata factions, while their leaders are "falling over backwards to grab power."

Supersensitive is her magic that the implied claim that Indira Gandhi is not interested in power and will accept office only at the stern call of duty is not often questioned.

Still, it will not be a walk-over. Mrs. Gandhi's strongholds are in the south, while many areas in the more influential north still obey Charan Singh. Being in office also gives her breakaway Janata (secular) faction a built-in advantage, while Jagjivan Ram is trying to rally 90 million Harijans to his standard. — (OFNS)

London loses an Arab diplomatic friend

By Michael Adams

Number 1 Carlton Gardens is a fine old house on the north side of London's Green Park, a few hundred yards from Buckingham Palace. Across the park, five minutes' walk takes you to the Foreign Office and, beside it, the little turning off Whitehall where, at Number 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister has his official residence. Close by on the other side are the crenellated red brick walls of the older Palace of St. James, to which foreign diplomats assigned to London are still formally accredited.

In short, this is the heart of ceremonial London, with its echoes of past glories and its continuing attachment to traditional patterns of behaviour which some people may feel are out of date but which have their place in the way the British like to conduct the affairs of state. And for that reason Carlton Gardens was chosen as the setting for a lunch party last week at which the British Government said its official farewell to the departing Algerian Ambassador to London, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi.

It was a small party, but a formal one. The host was Sir Ian Gilmour, whose portentous title of Lord Privy Seal in the Conservative Government masks his actual function as the government's spokesman on foreign affairs in the House of Commons. The guests included, besides senior officials of the Foreign Office, two other foreign ambassadors, one from Africa and the other from eastern Europe,

agree that Brahimi has played a leading part in the process. Whether in the context of Palestine or of OPEC or the wider hopes and aspirations which the Arabs share with the developing world, no voice has been more widely respected than his, no advocacy more effective, in building bridges of understanding and cooperation between Britain and the Arab world.

If you asked them to account for his success, different people would no doubt single out different reasons. Hard work would certainly be one, and the integrity which won him the respect of minister and officials — and it is not given lightly — in his formal contacts with the Foreign Office. His unfailing courtesy to everyone, and most of all to the unimportant and the unflattering, must certainly have helped. A sense of humor which seemed to adapt itself instinctively to the whims and oddities of the British character was a most valuable attribute. And to all this I would add the fact that everyone knew that if Lakhdar Brahimi said he would do something, it would be done.

Within the official framework, an ambassador's duties allow relatively little flexibility; but how far he is able to spread his activities beyond that framework must depend on the individual's own energy and aptitudes. At social gatherings at the Algerian Embassy in recent years one could always be sure of meeting an unusually wide range of guests, going well beyond the diplomats and businessmen with whom an ambassador must maintain contact, to include artists and writers and television producers — and above all a noticeable large proportion of younger people, those among whom fresh ideas were stirring and who were less constrained than their elders by established traditions and prejudices. This reflected the breadth of the ambassador's own interests and his knack of spotting the rising talent in any half a dozen fields — and it can only have been helped by the presence at his side of a young wife who leaves her own special mark on the diplomatic life of London. Besides carrying out her duties as an ambassador's wife (and as the mother of his children), Milica Brahimi achieved the distinction during her stay in London of preparing her for and completing the course for an Honours Degree in English Literature at London University. I know of no parallel for this success.

So it is not surprising that the atmosphere at that farewell lunch at the Foreign Office was less formal than usual, or that Sir Ian Gilmour, putting aside the dignity of the Lord Privy Seal, should have spoken with real feeling of his sense of loss at the departure from London of Lakhdar and Milica Brahimi. They will be very much missed, not just by the growing circle of the friends of the Arabs in London, but by many other people who enjoyed their stimulating company and appreciated the distinctive contribution they made to the cosmopolitan life of London — and who knew that no one had been more successful than these two in putting across to the British people, with tact and good humor but also with firmness, the point of view of the Arab world.

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Devotion and ancient anarchy at Najran



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they did to the believers"*

Surah LXXXV vv. 4-7



RAJAN: Ukhud is a melancholy place. Thorn and acacia grow without luxuriance between the tumbled masonry and vipers lap the interstices of massive walls. It is the Eid Al-Fitr. The high walls of the Wadi Najran rattle off a sound of gunfire and the demure clapping of spectators at a show horsemanship a mile away. In the ruin field, there are picnickers. A Pakistani sweeper from town stares in wonder at pictures on the Cyclopean walls of the final platform — a horse, a man, two snakes intertwined — the red devotion of a humble art.

Confusion of old glory and anarchy, the ruins spread across 12 acres on the southern side of the wadi. H. B. St. J. Philby liked the place. "Of all the daughters of Sheba, Janan is the fairest, like a woman in her prime, calm and serene in remembrance of past troubles but gaily facing the promise of a few days in the keeping of a new lord", he wrote in the 1930s on after the annexation of the wadi to the Saudi state. "Day by day, poked out over across the river to its crown and ancient glory — the

tumbled ruins of Negrena Metropolis". Twenty years later, Philby gained Abdul Aziz' permission to bring a scholar to look at the metropolis. Monsignor Gonzague Ryckmans of Louvain found the ruin field deficient in inscriptions. Ukhud is generally taken to mean "the trenches", and Philby connected the name with an event of great historical importance for Arabia and Islam. In the summer of 523 AD, Najran and its metropolis made up a flourishing state, profiting off tolls on the incense route from Dhofer and Hadramaut and the produce of the spate-fed wadi.

But a Judaizing king of the Himyar people in the south, Dhu Nuwas Yusuf — the lord of the caravans — had launched a campaign against the Christian states of Himyar and the north. Coming before Najran that summer, Dhu Nuwas is said to have offered the inhabitants and their governor or bishop, Arethas, the choice between Jewry and death. When they would not recant, he ordered vast trenches to be dug and filled with timber which the Najranis were made to stand on until the faggots were fired.

The event prompted the first Abyssinian intervention into Arabia. In May 525, King Ella Esbaha invaded with an avenging Christian army 70,000 strong against the Himyar and Dhu Nuwas. The Jew is said to have spurred his horse into the sea rather than submit.

The leader of the Abyssinian expedition, Abraha, used Sanaa as a basis for operations to control the incense route. His church at Sanaa became a center of pilgrimage, and in 570 he launched a campaign north partly to ruin the competing center of pilgrimage at Mecca.

This expedition, took place about the year of the Prophet's birth (570), generally remembered as the "Year of the Elephant". Marching up along the edge of the great wadi that drains the Taif-Abha scrap, Abraha defeated a Himyar chief. But while attempting to enter the town to destroy the Kaaba, Abraha's elephant refused to move forward.

On the return journey, his army was mysteriously destroyed and Abraha himself was "smitten with the plague so that his limbs rotted off piecemeal", according to Tradition.

The sequence of events, the massacre in the Trenches and the March of the Elephant, are recorded in the Holy Koran. Surah CV, a very early Meccan revelation, tells the story of Abraha:

*"Hast thou not seen how thy Lord dealt
with the owners of the Elephant?
"Did he not bring their stratagem to naught,
"And send against them swarms of flying creatures,
"Which pealed them with stones of baked clay
"And made them like green crops (devoured)?"*

Muslim commentators say that Surah LXXXV, another very early revelation, refers to the purge at Ukhud in a parable of hell-fire.

It is for this reason, according to a rather unreliable bedouin at the ruin field, that non-Muslims are not welcome at the site. The best course for those wishing to visit it is to secure a passport from the office of the Amir, Sheikh Fahd ibn Khaled ibn Sudairi.

Little changes under the sun. The history of pre-Islamic south Arabia, like that of the more modern Middle East, is one of bitter competition for economic resources under the banner of religious strife. Foreign powers occasionally intervene. In 23 BC Augustus Caesar despatched Aelius Gallus to investigate the incense route. He landed at Jar, the port of Medina, and marched through Negrena, where he found the ruler fled.

His return journey from the walls of Marib, where he was checked, was appalling. In Wadi Gattan, north of Wadi Najran, Ingrid El-Khalidi describes in conversation a picture of a figure in a plumed helmet being disembowelled by a bedouin with a long lance. Between the figures is a curious sum.

Only a handful made it back to Jar. In the next centuries, the three great powers of Late Antiquity — Christian Constantinople and Aksum in Abyssinia and Zoroastrian Iran — took an interest in the incense trade, either through proxies or armed expeditions.

The bedouin around Najran call any structure or inscription of any age *Himyar*. But in fact the history of the region is extraordinarily complex, littered with the troubling names of forgotten empires. The Sabean of Marib seem to have dominated the early period, with interruptions from the kingdom of Ausan on the south coast and Qataban on the modern borders off the Yemen. At the same time, the Kingdom of Ma'in grew to power around Jarf in east Yemen and in Wadi Najran.

A Minean trading outpost at Al-Ula, near Madain Saleh, flourished in the first half of the 3rd century BC.

The Himyar proper overran the coast and much of the inland area and vied with the received Sabaeans through the 2nd century AD. In the third century, the Christian Habashat of Aksum and the Persians enter on the scene. It is only with the compelling appearance of Islam that order is brought to this chaos, although by now the incense route is in decay.

In the almost continuous struggle for domination, the incense route seems to have stayed comparatively stable. This trade began with frankincense, the aromatic resin from Dhofer, which was originally carried by sea to Egypt, where it was much in demand for liturgical purposes.



Smashed grinding-stones beneath a tell.

With the domestication of the camel the trade moved inland, carried along camel routes from the south coast through Shabwa or Marib to Najran and along the skirts of the mountains to Mecca and the Jewish settlement of Yathrib (Medina) and the north.

The trade was joined by luxuries from Africa, India and the Far East, imported through Aden and the Hadhramaut. By taxes and tolls, the farming states on the route grew rich. Vast irrigation schemes went into place at Marib and Najran, with mighty biannual floods, may have supported a population as large as today's. It was certainly a center of pagan pilgrimage in the earlier period.

Of the town's history very little is known and this will continue until the Department of Antiquities begins systematic excavation at the site. Some information about the Minaean period comes from inscriptions at Ula and at excavations in the Jawf and in the classical writers, Pliny and Strabo.

Later, Najran, appears to have been a partly independent trading and farming community. The 12-acre citadel shows the ruins of countless walls which show the forms of several large buildings — stores, even a palace. One of these buildings was thought by Philby to have carried a dome and he suggested it was a place of worship. There are large grinding stones for wheat or oil nearby.

The citadel appears to be surrounded by a moat, while a settlement stretches toward the mountain walls for about 70 acres, Philby said.

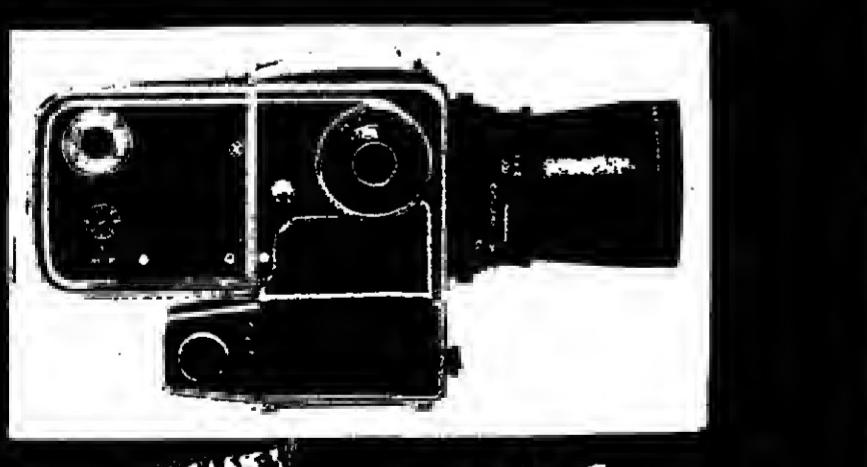
There may also have been dykes to prevent flooding from the spate.

Upper course of the Wadi Najran during its summer spate last month.

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Right-hander loses 5-0

Brewers avenge defeat by Oakland's Keough

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (AP) — Matt Keough's victory string ended almost as soon as it began.

The Oakland A's right-hander defeated the Milwaukee Brewers in his last outing, lost to the Brewers 5-0 Tuesday. The defeat dropped Keough's record to 1-15 this season and was his 19th in his last 20 decisions.

Cecil Cooper slammed his 22nd home run of the season and added a sacrifice fly to lead Milwaukee's victory. Jim Slaton, 14-8, scattered five hits to gain the victory and snap a four-game Brewer losing streak.

Elsewhere in the American League, Reggie Jackson doubled home the tying run, then slammed a two-run homer to pace the New York Yankees to an 8-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Boston's Carl Yastrzemski, who failed for the second straight game to get his 3,000th Major League hit, made a wild throw to home

plate in the eighth inning, allowing the tie-breaking run to score. Yastrzemski went hitless in three official at-bats.

Tom Underwood scattered nine hits and Rico Carty cracked a home run as the Toronto Blue Jays snapped a 15-game winless streak against Baltimore, defeating the Orioles 3-1.

Danny Goodwin had two hits and scored twice to take the Minnesota Twins past the Kansas City Royals 3-1.

Jason Thompson doubled home three runs to key an eight run first inning as the Tigers bombed the Cleveland Indians 14-1.

Rookie Billy Sample drove in two runs with a double and a single and Micky Rivers homered as the Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 5-2.

Jim Morrison smacked a pair of solo home runs and Alan Baumister delivered a tie-breaking double in the sixth inning to give the

Chicago White Sox an 8-7 victory over the California Angels.

In the National League, Willie Stargell slammed a two-run homer as the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 7-3.

Andre Dawson drove in three runs while Dave Cash and Larry Parrish chased home two runs each to give the Montreal Expos an 8-6 victory over the Chicago

Cubs in the first game of their twi-night doubleheader. In the second game, Cash singled home Warren Cromartie in the fifth inning to lift Montreal to a 3-2 victory and a sweep of the double bill. It was the Expos' 14th triumph in their last 15 games.

Greg Luzinski's two-run homer boosted the Philadelphia Phillies past the New York Mets 5-2 while

Dave Concepcion and George Foster blasted home runs to give Cincinnati a 9-8 victory over the Houston Astros.

A sacrifice fly by Pepe Frias in the seventh inning broke the tie and gave the Atlanta Braves a 1-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants while the San Diego Padres beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-1.

Fans, press barred

Celtic goes alone to Albania

GLASGOW, Sept. 12 (R) — Scottish club Celtic says it will go ahead reluctantly with its European Cup match in Tirana next week despite Albania's refusal to grant entry visas to accompanying journalists and supporters.

Celtic was told by the secretary of the European Football Union (UEFA), Hans Bangert, that UEFA had failed to persuade the Albanian authorities to issue visas to a group of 24 Scots, including 14 journalists, for the first round first-leg match against Partizani Tirana on September 19.

Celtic chairman Desmond White said his club had been told UEFA sympathized with the position but that Celtic would almost certainly face disqualification from the European Cup if it failed to play.

The Albanians issued extra visas last week for two Celtic reserve players after a warning from UEFA that they would be expelled from the Cup and Albanian clubs probably banned from future competitions, if the visas were not granted.

Albania's official news agency Ata Monday described the UEFA ultimatum as "arrogant and arbitrary."

Bangert said in Bern Tuesday: "I understand from them (the Albanians) they are not prepared to grant entry visas to accompanying journalists and supporters.

"We have done all we can. We have intervened many times. But the question of visas for journalists is beyond our control. It is a matter for an autonomous state to decide to whom it issues visas. We have no possibility of forcing the government to issue visas."

UEFA had asked the International Sports Press Association to try to persuade the Albanian authorities to change their minds.

Desmond White, the Celtic chairman, said "What has happened is nonsense and completely alien to the principles for which these European competitions were originally created.

"Football is after all a spectator sport and to us it is essential that the press and the public, within

reason, be admitted."

"Until 24 hours ago my board was completely unanimous that under no circumstances would we enter Albania without at least token press representation.

"We had believed at that time that we would get at least partial support from UEFA but were even prepared to sacrifice that but we came down to the final question — our own players.

"Winning the League championship last season gave them entry into the top club competition in Europe. Could we on a moral issue refuse them the right to participate on that stage?"

"It was this final issue which decided us most reluctantly to agree to play virtually behind closed doors in Albania."

Results

LONDON, Sept. 12 (R) — Results of Tuesday night's football:

European under 21's championship second leg

England 1 Denmark 0

International 2 Ireland 1

Wales 0 Scotland 1

Sweden 0 Angle Scotland Cup quarter final

Denmark 0 Sheffield United 1

England 1 West Ham 1

Denmark 5 Liverpool 3

Denmark 0 West Ham 0

Ayr 3 Dundee 0

Clydebank 2 Airdrieonians 0

St Mirren 2 Airdrieonians 0

East Fife 3 Hearts 2

St Johnstone 3 Clyde 2

St Mirren 1 Airdrieonians 1

St Mirren 2 West Ham 1

Aberdeen 2 West Ham 1

Brickhill 2 Stevenage 1

Falkirk 0 East Fife 0

Motherwell 0 East Stirlingshire 1

Queens Park 1 Montrose 2

St Johnstone 1 Cowdenbeath 1

Freud 0 West Ham 1

PARIS, Sept. 12 (R) — Results of Tuesday night's matches in the French soccer championship:

Level 0 Laval 0

Montceau 0 Nancy 0

Die 0 St Etienne 0

Issoire 2 Bourges 1

Lille 4 Nantes 3

Le Havre 3 Valenciennes 1

Lyon 3 Nimes 1

Montpellier 0 Strasbourg 1

Nantes 4 Paris 2

DRIVE : Somerset's West Indian Test star Viv Richards drives P.J. Watt of Northamptonshire to

the boundary in the Gillette Cup Final last weekend.

Batsmen collapse

Indian spinners trounce Australia

MADRAS, Sept. 12 (AP) — Indian spin bowler Dilip Doshi, making his Test debut, grabbed six wickets as Australia collapsed from an imposing 297 for two wickets to 390 all out on the second day of the first Test between the two sides. When stumps were drawn India was 80 for one wicket.

Resuming at the overnight score of 244 for two wickets, Allan Border from New South Wales and Kim Hughes pushed the score along. Hughes, 25, of Western Australia, hit a boundary to complete his century but was out

almost immediately afterward to Doshi.

The score was then 297 and the pair had put on 222 runs for the third wicket.

Wickets fell rapidly to Doshi's spinning balls and few of the batsmen played him or the other spinner, Venkat, with any real comfort. Doshi returned a final bowling analysis of six wickets for 103 runs.

Venkat, who captained India on its recent tour of England, lent good support. He took one wicket for 231 runs off 46 overs.

Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar, fresh from his memorable knock of 221 against England at the Oval Test last week which brought his side within touching distance of a remarkable victory, opened the innings with Chauhan.

They played cautiously against accurate fast bowling from Rodney Hogg and Alan Hurst but were never in any trouble. The fifty of the partnership came up in 82 minutes but Chauhan fell in the last over of the day to Jim Higgs.

When play closed, Gavaskar was batting on 49.

Luxembourg may host Springbok rugby game

AGEN, France, Sept. 12 (R) — Africa's Apartheid policy.

Asked about the likelihood of a match being played in Luxembourg, Ferrasse said: "Anything is possible".

He added that the French federation had been supported throughout the controversy over the proposed Springbok tour to France by the Rugby Federation in Belgium and the Netherlands, as well as in Luxembourg.

Luxembourg's offer was a warm gesture of sympathy, he said.

Fourth national event

Chinese games rehearse for Olympics

PEKING, Sept. 12 (R) — A flaming torch was carried into Peking Wednesday for the opening this weekend of the fourth National Games which could be a Chinese dress rehearsal for the Moscow Olympics.

China left the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1958 in protest at the membership of Taiwan and the People's Republic has only once participated in the Olympics, at Helsinki in 1952.

But as the 9,000 competitors from 31 provincial and city teams of the world's biggest nation take the field Saturday, some will be aiming to set new world records and maybe gain a place in an Olympic squad.

Peking has proposed that two Chinese teams could participate in the Olympics, under certain conditions.

The main condition is that Taiwan's team should style itself "Taiwan Chinese Olympic Committee" instead of "Republic of China" as the Taipei government calls itself, and it should not use the flag and anthem of the Republic of China.

Taiwan has already rejected such conditions and Chinese representatives at the Moscow Games, and next February's Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, New York, will have to be decided by the IOC.

The current games will end on September 30, the eve of the People's Republic's 30th anniversary.

Lord Killanin, head of the IOC, has recalled that when he was a young man working in Shanghai, sport was something confined to foreigners.

And even more recently foreign athletes have reported that because of the policy of "friendship first, competition second," the Chinese often seemed to lose deliberately, out of politeness.

Fourth of Four

Since the fall of the "Gang of Four," Chairman Mao's widow and three other radicals who controlled the country briefly after Mao's death, sports in China have progressed at a rapid rate.

In the University Games that ran Sept. 2-13 here, the Chinese divers won six of the 12 diving medals. Chen Shao Sha, a tiny and artistic Chinese university student, won a gold in the women's long march from Shanghai to Peking in 1934-1935. The torch left Shanghai on July 1.

China previously held National Games in 1959, 1965, and 1975.

Rapid progress

Sports recover from Gang of Four

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 12 (AP) — China's sporting life is slowly shaking off the effects of a decade's slumber.

"Sports in our country was in a period of stagnation from 1967 until 1976," said Wei Ji Tong, head of the Chinese delegation to the World University Games.

"The" Gang of Four wished to stop the people from competing on an international level, wanted to end the popularity of sports, wanted us to stop raising the standards of sports in our country.

"So our coaches did not carry out their studies, and our athletes fell behind the rest of the world, our sports standards dropped very low."

"Our country now of course has the program of four modernization," Wei said. "We consider

sports to be a part of our modernization.

And competing on an international level like here at the University Games helps us in our move to modernization."

China's first appearance at an international competition in recent years was at the University Games in Sofia, in 1977. But the Chinese had little success there.

However, it was apparent at the Mexico City Games that the nation is making strides toward becoming a factor on the world sports scene.

Asked when China might have an impact on the Olympics, Wei replied that his country hopes for some measure of success next year in Moscow, assuming that the problems between his country and the IOC concerning China's eligibility is worked out. He was certain the problem would be resolved.

Other winners included Kim Warwick over Givaldo Barbosa 6-2, 6-2; Russell Simpson over Johan Kriek 6-4, 6-4; Kevin Curran over Tony Tarum 6-3, 6-4;

Eliot Teltscher over Mark Turpin 6-1, 6-3; and Dave Schneider over Fritz Buschning 6-2, 6-4.

Completing the list were Steve Docherty over Philip Krajcik 6-3, 6-1; Terry Moor over Dan Guerry 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; Ray Moore over Bernie Mitton 6-4, 6-2; and Eric Friedler over Ferdi Taygan 6-3, 6-4.

Alexander said he was not particularly disturbed when the match went into the third set.

He is ranked 26th in the world. Denton just turned professional this summer.

The tournament continues through Sunday.

Alexander downs Denton

ATLANTA, Georgia, Sept. 12 (AP) — Number One seed John Alexander of Australia defeated Steve Denton in a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 match Tuesday night in the second round of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution Open international tennis championships.

Sixth-seeded Phil Dent and Rose Case of Australia dropped local qualifiers Steve Weddell and Tony Dawson 7-6, 6-4, Tim Gullickson and John Satri of the U.S. defeated Chris Huff and Dan Coulson of the U.S. 6-3, 6-1 and Colin Dibley and John James of Australia defeated Randy Crawford and Bill Maze of the U.S. 6-3, 6-4.

In other first round matches Tuesday Roy Emerson and Syd Ball of Australia dropped local qualifiers Steve Weddell and Tony Dawson 7-6, 6-4, Tim Gullickson and John Satri of the U.S. defeated Chris Huff and Dan Coulson of the U.S. 6-3, 6-1 and Colin Dibley and John James of Australia defeated Randy Crawford and Bill Maze of the U.S. 6-3, 6-4.

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Zambian champ KOs American

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Lotte Mwale of Zambia, the World Boxing Council's sixth-ranked light heavyweight, Tuesday knocked out Vandell Woods of the United States in one minute 30 seconds of the third round of a scheduled eight round contest here.

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"Where the bee sucks....."



NORMAN BAUST: Wearing a whitesuit (above) (because Black is an unfriendly colour for the bee) inspects the bees in the Brood Nest to see if they are in good condition and to see if there are any Queen cells. Other Picture (right) shows a close up of the Brood Nest and the combs in which are formed the honey.

TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE : The humble bee is often the object of wicked calumny. Seen as the terrorizers of children, men and animals the sight of one on reconnaissance is enough to instil mass panic and fear! But for Norman Baust the bee is an insect of wonder and delight. A creature of nature that is an essential part of God's creation. Since he first started keeping bees 14 years ago, the hobby has turned into a passion. With three hives and between 60 to 80,000 bees they certainly keep him busy. Of the four types of bees, Caucasian, Carniolans, Cypriots the Italian the most says to breed... and the friendliest! "They are no trouble at all," said Norman, "and they do such a wonderful job pollinating the flowers. Most people think they are a menace because they puncture the skins of fruit, but this is a fallacy." The best time for working with the hives is between 10am and 3pm. Norman explained that the Spring and Summer months are the best time for gathering the marvellous honey from the combs. It is well known that honey has curative properties. Not so well known that Royal Jelly, the secretion from the Pharyngeal glands of the Nurse bee is rich in vitamins, high in protein and fat, and low in sugar compared to honey. Norman did not deny the stories about Royal Jelly being good for one's love-life.



EVERYONE'S FOAL : The birth of a foal in the San Diego Wild Animal Park, California, has been the cause for much celebration recently. For the horse is a very rare breed, Przewalski, that are now extinct in their homeland of Mongolia. Only about 250 of the stocky light-coloured horses remain in the world, all living in zoos. Huge herds of the Mongolian horses were used by the warrior hordes of Genghis Khan. Tasting the foliage with mother the foal (left) has a hearty meal.

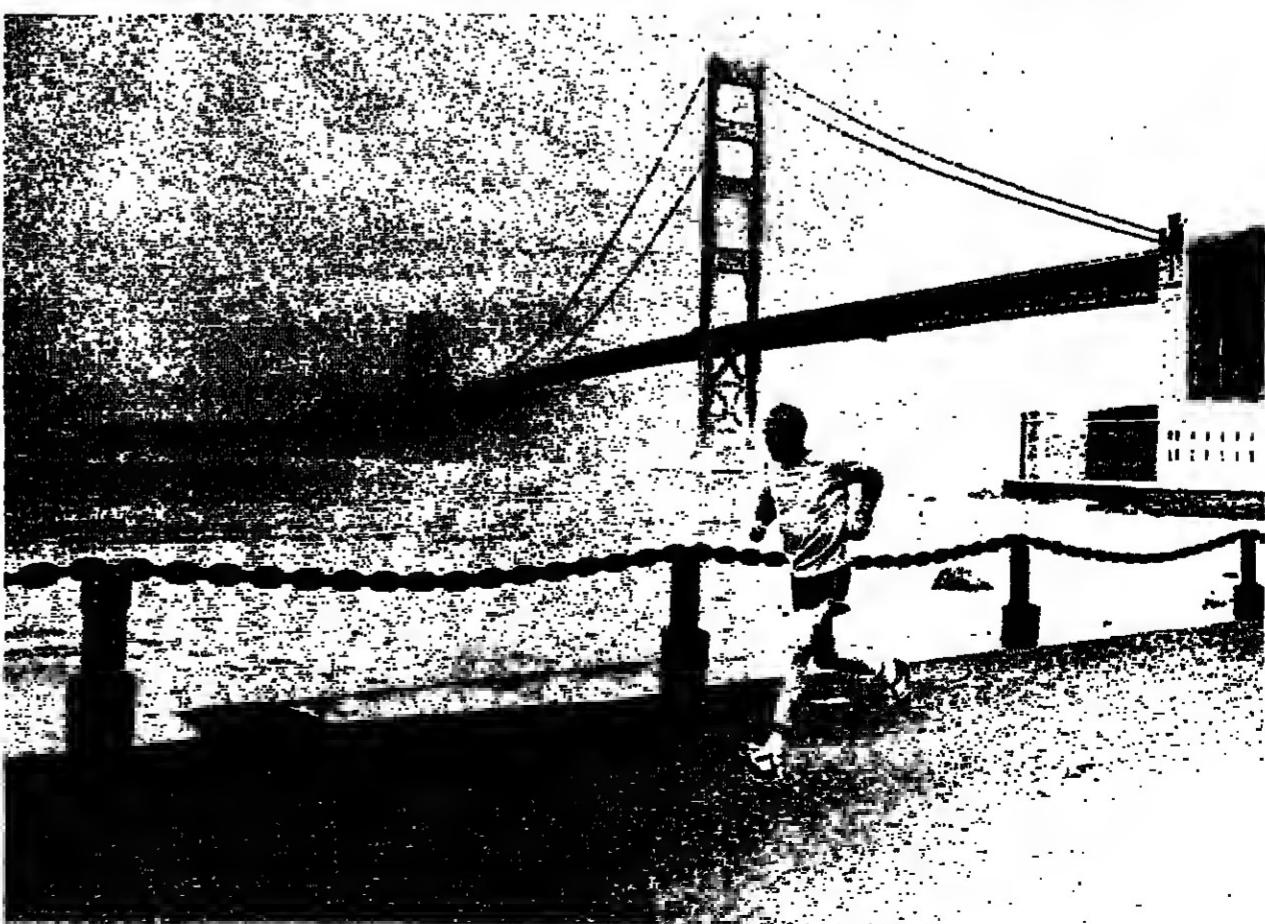


"The devil hath power to assume a pleasing shape." Shakespeare. The Manta Ray is the largest species of a class known as 'The Devil Fish.' Wearing protective clothing, two men above show a degree of courage as they spread the 'wings' of the Manta Ray.

"Shine by the side of every path we tread. With such a heart, he that rust may read." Cropper. An elderly jogger below trots the paths with the famous Golden Gate Bridge of San Francisco in the background. Jogging has become one of the great American cult sports. Fitness is the key word, and they are out to prove that the nation that runs together stays together.



FULL CYCLE : The latest development for bicycle riders is a wheel of an idea. Instead of the normal handlebars, that have graced bikes since the turn of the century, some bright 'spoke' has come up with the idea of putting a car steering wheel in its place. Perhaps, in the future this 'hybrid' will encourage frustrated motorists who are fed up with the increase in gas to take to the streets with gusto! A 'Wheelie' (left) from Young Eddie in The USA riding a converted model.



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Alitaly	2778	2650	Review	51%	27%
Petroleum	1185	1170	Reynolds Metal	36%	5.70
Sidra	1188	1100	Rockwell Int'l	41%	1.49
Soc. Gen. Belgian	1898	1898	Royal Dutch	75%	1.18
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Soc. Gen. Belgian	1898	1898	SAC Corp.	20%	1.00
Union Miniere	750	726	SAC Corp. S.W.	12%	1.00
Ville Montagne	1474	1474	Salad Corp.	20%	2.42
			Scans. Phm.	2.28	2.31
			D.E.C.	2.10	2.10
			F.M.C.	5.70	5.70
			Hew Par Bros.	1.49	1.48
			Inchcape	2.11	1.18
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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 1 Racial feature
 5 Nickel number
 10 Emaciated
 11 Strauss opera
 12 Carry on
 12 Pretty near everyone
 14 "All the Things You -"
 15 Wire measure
 16 High priest
 17 Military area
 18 Sought office
 20 Scrap
 21 Actress Lee
 22 Perviousness
 24 Sulk
 25 First miracle site
 26 Detective shell
 27 Sandy's
 28 Small bagpipe
 29 Three, in Roma
 31 - long
 34 Just miss the cup, in golf
 35 Distribute
 37 French sport
 38 Usurer
 39 Terrible car
 40 Eat away
 41 Bacon coating

DOWN
 1 Camel's down
 2 Leigh role
 3 Entire choice
 4 United
 5 "Pretty Baby" director
 6 Not well
 7 Become serious
 8 Try to equal
 9 Eye membrane
 11 Eva Marie
 15 Additional
 18 Dreyfus' defender
 21 Took a taxi
 22 Obstruction
 23 Date
 24 Meditate
 25 Cowboy's charges
 26 German artist
 28 First
 30 Roman
 31 Word
 32 Correct on
 37 Oliver's title
 39 Last
 40 Spouse



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SOUTH
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PRAYER TIMES

	Fajr	Ishaq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:55	6:13	12:24	3:49	6:30	8:00
Medina	4:53	6:11	12:25	3:52	6:31	8:01
Nejd	4:24	5:44	11:54	3:33	6:01	7:31

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4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street 1177
5:43 Superman	Superman Silver Mine
6:08 Consultations	One unit blood can help many
6:37 Soccer	Leicester Vs Blackburn Rovers
7:32 Lou Grant	Scam
8:30 Famous Film Theater	St. Valentine's Day Massacre

WEATHER

The weather will continue hot and fairly dry in most areas inland but humid in coastal areas.

A cloud system will prevail in southwestern area and western highlands.

Winds will be moderate in all areas.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to moderate.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	40	30	Tabuk	38	23
Jeddah	37	27	Turail	41	25
Riyadh	42	28	Rafha	46	24
Dhahran	43	25	Bisha	36	21
Medina	41	26	Sulayl	40	22
Taf	33	22	Abha	29	14

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- 1:01 The Holy Quran
- 1:05 Gems of Guidance
- 1:10 This Week's Landmark
- 1:20 Top of the Pops
- 1:50 Classical Music
- 2:20 On Islam
- 2:30 Jazz Music
- 3:00 NEWS
- 3:10 Press Review
- 3:20 Islam — THE Divine Truth
- 3:30 Leaps & Bounds
- 3:40 MUSIC
- 3:50 Close Down
- Evening Transmission
10:00 Opening

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- 8:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities;
Opinion; Analyses
- 8:30 Dateline
- 9:00 Special English:
News; Feature: The
Making of a Nation
- 9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
- 10:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities
- 10:05 Opening: Analyses
News Summary
- 10:30 VOC Magazine:
America; Science;
Cultural; Letter
- 11:00 Special English: News
- 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
- VOA WORLD REPORT:
Midnight
- 12:00 News newsmakers'
voices correspondents
reports background
features media comments
news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission

- 4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
News Summary
- 4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
- 5:15 Report on Religion
- 6:00 Radio Newsreel
- 6:15 Outlook
- 7:00 World News
- 7:09 Commentary
- 7:15 Sherlock Holmes
- 7:45 World Today
- 8:00 World News
- 8:09 Books and Writers
- 8:30 Take One
- 8:45 Sports Round-up
- 9:00 World News
- 9:09 News about Britain
- 9:15 Radio Newsreel
- 9:30 Farming World
- 10:00 Outlook News Summary
- 10:39 Stock Market Report
- 10:43 Look Ahead
- 10:45 Ulster in Focus
- 11:00 World News
- 11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
News Summary
- 12:15 Talkabout
- 12:45 Nature Notebook
- 1:00 World News
- 1:09 World Today
- 1:25 Financial News
- 1:35 Book Choice
- 1:40 Reflections
- 1:45 Sports Round-up
- 2:00 World News
- 2:09 Commentary
- 2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

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| What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. | LIBRA |
| (Sept. 22 to Oct. 22) | Resist a tendency to be antisocial. Accept invitations. New friends made now will be helpful. Prosperity re distant matters. |
| SCORPIO | (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) |
| Don't be careless in financial dealings with friends. Capitalize on opportunity for financial gain via career. Expand horizons. | |
| SAGITTARIUS | (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) |
| Not a time to mix personal life with business. Make plans for a trip with a close one. Success re publishing, education and travel. | |
| CAPRICORN | (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) |
| Advisers may be critical of work projects, yet you should capitalize on a chance to increase revenues through a new work endeavor. | |
| AQUARIUS | (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) |
| Despite some slight disagreement re entertainment plans, everything should ultimately work out to further a sense of togetherness. | |
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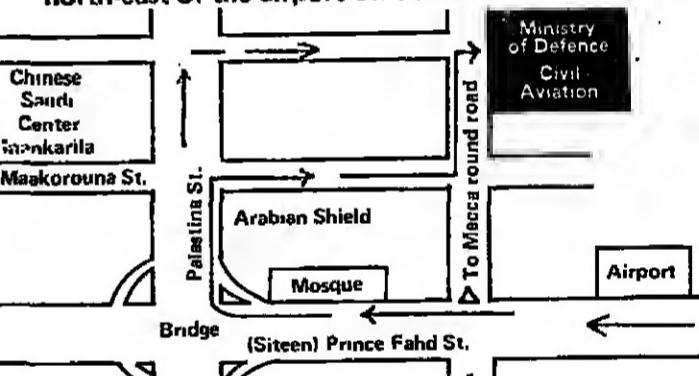
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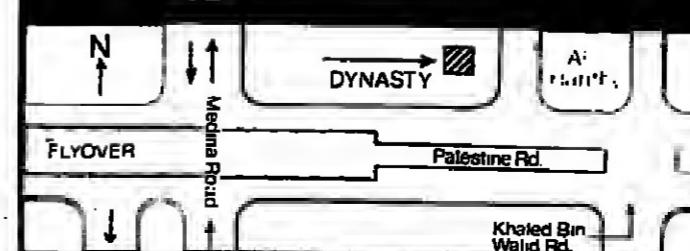
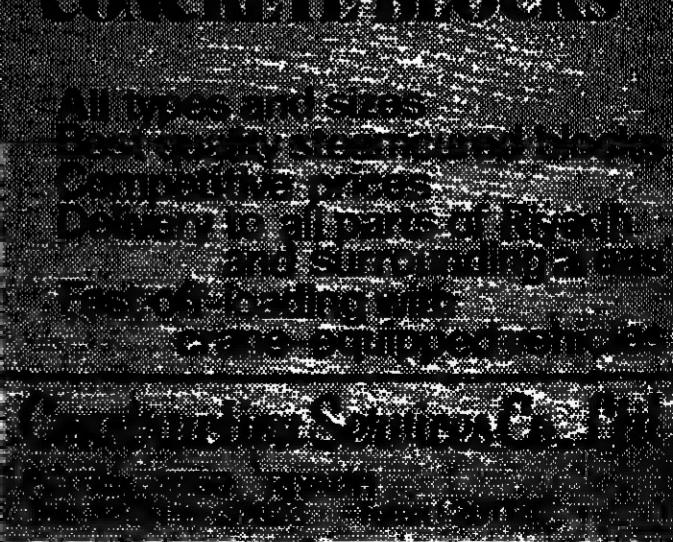
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On hospitality... and records

By Michael J. Hall

Had a letter the other day from four young men working on the new Jeddah International Airport project, in which they shared some unexpected hospitality they'd received during a trip to Abba.

After commenting on the stark beauty of the mountains and to the road through them, the foursome went on to tell us of their reception in the small mountain village where they ended up spending a night.

It was, they said, "nestled in a high valley, like Shangri-La," and they came upon it as an oasis after a hot day's traveling. Later they learned that the village, Al Agiga, was not that far at all from the legendary Shangri-La.

For a thousand and more years, they were told, it had perched in its mountain top like an eagle's eyrie, almost untouched by the passing of time.

However, it wasn't the beauty of the place that struck the travellers, but the hospitality of its people — led by a young English-speaking man who acted as both host and spokesman for the entire village.

Dinner followed, with the young man's family, the local ulema and neighborhood farmers, and never once did any of those on hand allow "a pause or awkwardness to mar the proceedings or even a thought that there were four strangers present."

And the next morning, the young man, who had introduced himself as Fadel Youssef Al Shabri and said he was an engineering student studying in England, again served as their host for a traditional breakfast of bread, olive oil, dates and tea.

The whole experience gave the four, they said, "an appreciation of hospitality which will long remain in our memories of Saudi Arabia."

I tell their story not because it is something out of the ordinary — although those of us who live amid the bustle and bustle of big cities anywhere might find it so — but just because it is ordinary, an example of the Arabian hospitality we foreigners were told to expect before arriving here.

But I have one problem. I'd like to give credit to the four men who wrote in to tell of their experience. Their letter was beautifully typed. But for the life of me, I'm afraid I can't decipher the handwritten signatures affixed to the bottom.

Still trying to come up with a name for the column, and again I invite contributions. One ne'er-do-well here at *Arab News* suggested, "Mike's Cut Column," but I told him that any more suggestions like that would be deposited where they belong — in the circular file that sits on the floor next to my desk.

A big thank you to readers Crispin Co and Carolyn Goff for sending in their ideas. Deadline for additional suggestions is next Wednesday.

Headline writing isn't my favorite occupation, so beginning next week it's a chore I'll happily consign to oblivion.

Two stories representing opposite poles of the mania people seem to have for getting their name into the record books crossed my desk recently.

In Munich, Australian hypnotists Romonic claimed a world record for putting a Munich housewife to sleep for 200 hours, a record which beat by 32 hours the mark set only four weeks before by a hypnotist named Cally.

On the other side of the world, a former Sri Lankan policeman named W.P. Ananda Upali claimed a world record for staying awake for 14 days and seven hours, breaking the old record set by Maureen Weston of England.

I don't know about you, but I think I'd rather go the hypnotic route. I lose enough sleep to the heat around here as it is.

Finally, here's one about a gentleman who isn't out to set any records, but his goal is nonetheless somewhat bizarre.

Joe Dulwick of Detroit wants to re-enact a sort of Pearl Harbor in reverse. He's spent two years revamping a World War II bomber, and now wants to simulate a bombing run against a freighter over Lake Huron.

He's applied to the U.S. authorities who say they don't have any objections to the idea.

But there's just one hitch. As Coast Guard Capt. Richard Abrams put it, "First he'll have to find a Japanese freighter captain who'll cooperate."

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Third day of London conference

Rhodesia talks hung up over white army's future



Abel Muzorewa
"If we try to discuss the whole spectrum of subjects at once we are unlikely to make progress," Carrington told delegates after their opening speeches, a conference spokesman reported Tuesday night.

"We must know the direction before it is possible to discuss the route," Carrington added.

Muzorewa's delegation remained silent during subsequent exchanges — described by a conference spokesman as "courteous" — between Carrington and guerrilla leaders over the procedural issue.

The procedural question was still unresolved when Tuesday's 75-minute session ended.

Vance-Dobrynin talks continue



Joshua Nkomo
In his opening address, Muzorewa, an American-trained Methodist, declared: "We require to know clearly and categorically what more your (Britain's) government requires from us before you will remove sanctions and grant recognition to our government."

Muzorewa was the winner of election held last April under an "internal settlement" between the last white Prime Minister, Ian Smith, and moderate black leaders. The guerrillas do not recognize that election, claiming that the powers reserved for whites under the current constitution make the black-led regime only a cloak for continued white domination.

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Soviet-U.S. compromise appears likely



President Carter
demanded that the troops be removed.

President Jimmy Carter and Vance have voiced serious concern over the presence of Soviet forces so close to American soil, and said vaguely that the status quo cannot be maintained.

The officials said the denial leaves room for a face-saving compromise, heading off a major confrontation that could spill over into other areas of U.S.-Soviet relations such as their new treaty on strategic arms, SALT II.

Such a compromise is clearly in the minds of Carter administration officials, who have not gone as some U.S. congressmen and

But they have called on Americans not to overreact to this issue.

Because of his meeting with Dobrynin, Vance canceled a scheduled appearance Wednesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to discuss SALT II.

Several senators have urged that the debate on SALT II be held up until the troops issue is resolved.

Tuesday night Vance gave an hour-long briefing on his previous talks with Dobrynin to Idaho Democratic Sen. Frank Church, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Jacob Javits of New York, the senior Republican Party member on the committee.

Both senators told reporters afterwards they would not disclose details of what Vance said since to do so could jeopardize the U.S.-Soviet talks.

"The negotiations have just commenced," added Sen. Church, who said Sunday he believed that SALT II would not get the necessary two-thirds vote in the Senate for ratification unless the Soviet troops were removed.

Carter said last night he could not predict how long the talks would last.

Earlier Tuesday Carter said he wanted an additional \$2.7 billion for military spending in a move aimed at calming critics of SALT II.

The request will more than catch up with inflation which has eaten into Carter's \$12 billion defense budget since it went to Congress last January.

Carter clearly was hoping his supplemental request would pacify senators who have demanded more defense spending as their price for supporting SALT II.

"Furthermore, in fiscal year 1981 I plan a further real increase in defense spending," Carter said.

Presley doctor charged

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Sept. 12 (R) — A medical board has

12 (R) — A medical board has announced it has charged the personal physician of Elvis Presley with gross negligence in prescribing drugs to the late singer and to 15 other patients.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Khazan

Hypochondria is a common enough source of suffering. Its symptom is the ready belief by the sufferer that any illness he hears described is in fact his own. It is to be distinguished from psychosomatic illnesses, where the patient actually induces the symptoms through believing that he has the illness. The second kind of suffering is real enough; although the cause is mental rather than physical. This we leave aside.

The Zimbabwe Rhodesia peace conference which opened here Monday is the latest milestone along tortured road that began with Rhodesia's break with Britain and could end by plowing the entire African subcontinent into war.

Here, in chronological order, are the main events leading to the current talks aimed at ending a guerrilla war that has so far taken 13,000 lives and giving the former British colony an international acceptable black government.

Nov. 11, 1965 — Prime Minister Ian Smith makes a unilateral declaration of independence after refusing to bow to British pressure to move toward a transfer of power to Rhodesia's black majority.

Nov. 12, 1965 — British Prime Minister Harold Wilson declares Rhodesia's break illegal and an act of rebellion.

Dec. 12, 1965 — Britain imposes total economic sanctions against Rhodesia. They have since been renewed every year.

Dec. 16, 1966 — the United Nations Security Council adopts a British resolution imposing mandatory sanctions on Rhodesia's key exports.

March 2, 1970 — Rhodesia declares itself a republic under a new constitution. The constitution, voted upon by Rhodesian whites, perpetuates white rule.

Dec. 21, 1972 — a 20-man guerrilla band loyal to Robert Mugabe blasts a white-owned farm house along the northeast border with Mozambique. The attack marked the start in earnest of the black nationalist try to end white rule by force.

Sept. 24, 1976 — with the bush war escalating, Smith accepts for the first time that blacks will rule the country within two years. Henry Kissinger, then U.S. Secretary of State, had persuaded Smith to accept the new proposals.

Dec. 14, 1976 — a Geneva meeting, called to try and work out a settlement in effect, fizzles out.

Dec. 2, 1977 — Smith, desperate for peace, begins talks with moderate black leaders within the country on the so-called "internal settlement."

April 20, 1979 — Election results are announced, and Muzorewa emerges as the country's first black prime minister. Black African nations and the guerrillas consider the election a sellout to white rule.

JFK bomb threat a dud

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (R) — A celebrity crowd of more than 2,000, including Sen. Edward Kennedy and entertainer Bob Hope, were forced to evacuate Washington's John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday night because of an anonymous bomb threat.

After a two-hour search by a bomb nothing was found and the benefit show in aid of Indo-Chinese refugees went on.

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Earthquake rocks Indonesian island

JAKARTA, Sept. 12 (R) — The world's largest earthquake for more than two years Wednesday rocked islands off Indonesia's eastern province of Irian Jaya, formerly Dutch New Guinea.

The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado, said the tremor registered 8.0 on the Richter Scale — the "first" great" earthquake of such a magnitude since August, 1977.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

The center of the quake was given as exactly on Biak Island, north of the mainland coast.

Damages still unreported

Officials in the provincial capital of Jayapura, some 500 kilometers east of Biak, were still waiting for reports from other parts of the province. They said no tremors were felt in Jayapura itself.

Irian Jaya is Indonesia's easternmost province, some 3,750 kilometers east of Jakarta.

The province comprises almost one-quarter of Indonesia territory but is inhabited by only about one million of the nation's 142 million population.

The last "great" earthquake of magnitude 8.0 or more occurred near Sumbawa Island in Indonesia on August 19, 1977, killing more than 100 people and causing extensive damage.



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